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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: U.S. CARRIERS CONCERN ABOUT SECURITY AT
NARITA AIRPORT: IATA/JCAB BRIEFINGS

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1. SUMMARY: BOTH IATA SEC GEN HAMMARSKJOLD AND TWO MAJOR
U.S. ONLINE CARRIERS APPEAR SATISFIED THAT GOJ HAS MADE
NARITA AIRPORT AS PHYSICALLY SECURE AS POSSIBLE. SECURITY
CHIEF OF FAA OFFICE, HONOLULU, SHARES THIS ASSESSMENT.
END SUMMARY.

2. JCAB/IATA BRIEFINGS ON NARITA AIRPORT SECURITY WOUND
UP ON MAY 12 WITH IATA SEC GEN HAMMARSKJOLD HAVING A BRIEF
MEETING WITH MOT MINISTER FUKUNAGA. HAMMARSKJOLD LATER
HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE AT WHICH HE STATED HE WAS FULLY
SATISFIED WITH SECURITY PRECAUTIONS GOJ HAD TAKEN AT NARITA,
INDICATING THAT THE FACILITY IS BETTER PROTECTED THAN
MOST OTHER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS IN THE WORLD. PAN AM
AND NW LOCAL REPS AGREE WITH THIS ASSESSMENT; I.E. "THE
JAPANESE HAVE DONE ALL THEY CAN". WEAKEST POINT IN WHOLE
SYSTEM, ACCORDING TO BOTH CARRIERS, IS RELATIVE VULNER-
ABILITY OF FUEL STORAGE SYSTEM AND FUEL TRANSFER POINT
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WHERE FUEL IS PUMPED FROM RAIL TANK CARS INTO TEMPORARY
PIPELINE FOR 7 KM. JOURNEY TO AIRPORT.

3. FAA SECURITY CHIEF FROM PACIFIC-ASIA OFFICE IN HONOLULU,
WHO WAS IN FAR EAST AREA ON OTHER BUSINESS, ATTENDED SOME
OF THE JCAB SESSIONS AND ALSO TALKED WITH NATIONAL POLICE
AUTHORITIES AS AN "OBSERVER". HIS ASSESSMENT OF SECURITY

PRECAUTIONS AND ARRANGEMENTS WAS ALSO FAVORABLE, BARRING THE "UNKNOWN". TOKYO REGIONAL FAA OFFICE BEGAN ITS STANDARD INSPECTION OF NARITA FUEL SUPPLY SYSTEM MAY 15 AND WILL OPEN A TEMPORARY OFFICE AT NARITA FOR TWO WEEKS BEGINNING MAY 19 TO MONITOR DEVELOPMENTS DURING THE CRUCIAL START UP PERIOD.

4. FYI: EMBASSY RSO AND POLOFF ALSO, AT PAN AM'S REQUEST, GAVE INFORMAL BACKGROUND BRIEFING RE RADICAL GROUPS INVOLVED IN NARITA STRUGGLE TO VISITING PAN AM VP FOR SECURITY AND LOCAL REP ON MAY 12. LOCAL PAN AM REP LATER DESCRIBED THE SESSION AS "VERY USEFUL." WE ALSO BELIEVE SESSION HELPED TO ESTABLISH THE FACT THAT EMBASSY DOES NOT HAVE ANY RELEVANT CRUCIAL INFORMATION RE PRESENT OR POSSIBLY FUTURE RADICAL ACTIVITIES AT NARITA WHICH IT IS WITHHOLDING FROM THE U.S. CARRIERS. MANSFIELD

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